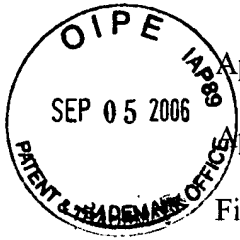


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AMENDMENT

Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2006, which required election/restriction of claims, please amend the above identified Application as follows:

1. Claims 1-8 are elected.
2. Claims 9-13, 17 and 19 are withdrawn with traverse.
3. Claims 20-22 are cancelled.
4. The Examiner indicates that the inventions are separate and distinct because the claims are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effect. Herein we traverse those arguments as to the non-elected claims.
5. The invention as a whole comprises a scanner containing a card reader slot which may read various input types including Compact Flash Memory cards, Smart Media cards, Memory Sticks, or the like. The inventive apparatus also contains buttons, which, when depressed, will cause programmatic action in relation to the media to be scanned, and the computer connected to said apparatus.

Arguments in Support of Traverse of Non-Elected Claims

Claims 9-13 are directed to the apparatus of claim 1. The elected claims cover a scanner having the capability of image acquisition via a card reader type input wherein such input may be a Compact Flash Memory card reader, a Smart Media card reader, a Memory Stick, or the like. The scanner also utilizes a physical button or buttons, which,